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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PINS, UK (N. I.)

SUBJECT: THREAT TO BELFAST AIRPORT

REF: BELFAST 080

1. BEA SPOKESMAN HAS ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING THAT " WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSEST CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENT, SECURITY FORCES, BALPA (BRITISH AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION) AND CABIN CREWS UNIONS AND WE ALL AGREE THAT BEA SHOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE SERVICES NORMALLY."

2. BRITISH CALEDONIAN, WHICH EARLIER SUSPENDED BELFAST FLIGHT, NOW CONTINUING OPERATIONS ON FULL SCHEDULE.

3. MINISTER OF STATE CAN STRANBENZER ISSUED STATEMENT DESCRIBING PROVOS THREAT AS " CONTEMPTIBLE AND IRRESPONSIBLE" AND AS " TYPICAL IRA REACTION TO CONTINUED SUCCESS RATE OF THE SECURITY FORCES". HE ASSURED THAT SECURITY OF ALDERGROVE IS " MAINTAINED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND IS CONSTANTLY UNDER REVIEW".

4. ACCORDING TO AIRPORT OPERATIONS CHIEF, AIRPORT, ALWAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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AT MAXIMUM SECURITY LEVEL ANYWAY, IS OPERATING WITH VIGILANCE
AND SECURITY PRECAUTIONS UP, SCHEDULES AND OTHER OPERATIONS
AT NORMAL. AIRLINE OFFICIAL SAYS DISCUSSIONS CONTINUING ON
FURTHER SECURITY MEASURES THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN.

5. TWO OF THREE BOMBS IN BELFAST THIS MORNING HAVE BEEN IN
LOCAL RAILWAY STATIONS. BOTH WERE IN LADIES ROOMS, OBVIOUSLY
PLANTED BY WOMEN. YESTERDAY ONE WAS REPORTEDLY DEFUSED AT
LISBURN STATION, ALSO IN LADIES ROOM, PATTERN OF BOMBING
OPERATIONS AGAINST TRANSPORTATION INSTALLATIONS IS THERE
TO SEE. PENBERTHY

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